

A HOT summer evening will be a poor time to take up the gas shortage question.

HOME EDITION

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas:
Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer in the northeast portion.

TWO CENTS

LOOSE GASS?

Topeka May Have to Return to Manufactured Product.

Kansas Natural Is Ready to Cancel Contract Here.

KANSAS CITY TO BE SHUT OFF

Supply Will Be Turned Into Mains in Kansas.

Then If Jayhawkers Don't Like It, They Lose, Too.

EXHAUSTED IN THE SOUTHEAST

Clause in Their Contract Gives Company the Right.

"Take It or Leave It Alone" Is the New Motto.

LET CAPPER CALL A SESSION

Attorney Stone Challenges Governor to Ask Legislature.

"We Welcome an Investigation," He Tells Public.

Topeka may be forced to return to manufactured gas if the local gas company accept a proposition said to be on its way to Topeka from John M. Landon, receiver for the Kansas Natural Gas company. Statements in Topeka today were to the effect that the Kansas Natural receiver has offered to cancel its contract with the local company. Acceptance of the offer will mean a return to manufactured gas at higher rates.

Propositions similar to the one made to Topeka are said to have been tendered other Kansas gas distributing companies. The action is in retaliation of the gas companies following the announcement of higher rates.

Representatives of the Consumer's company, the local gas distributing company, declared this noon they had no knowledge of the proposed Landon offer. If such a move is contemplated, no notice has been received, it was stated. J. G. Stone, attorney for the local gas company, is spending his vacation in southern Missouri. It was stated.

Kansas City's Plight.

Kansas City, Mo., is to be shut off from her natural gas supply. That was the announcement today by Robert Stone, attorney for Kansas Natural Gas company, receiver of the company. The action is to be taken under a clause in their contract providing that gas shall be supplied only so long as it can be had from the southern Kansas field. That supply is exhausted, Stone stated, and the gas which has gone to the Missouri side is to be turned into the mains for use of Kansas towns.

Retaliating under the slap which politicians and officeholders have taken at the gas company, Stone today indicated that Kansas towns may share the fate of Kansas City, Mo. If the towns—St. Joseph, Mo., supply the list—do not want natural gas at the price the gas company will sell it—Oh, very well. The gas will be shut off. That is the situation, Stone said in discussing the situation. Stone laid down the bars for all sorts of trouble in the future.

Will Serve Notice Today.

The first step of the gas company in fighting back at the men who have agitated public sentiment is in shutting off the Kansas City, Mo., supply. Notice in the action are to be served today. The step will be taken by the gas company under the supply clause in the franchise.

"Our Kansas City, Mo., contract provides that gas is to be supplied as long as available from the southern Kansas field," said Stone. "That supply is exhausted. So Kansas City, Mo., is to be shut off. That raises a federal question. For the benefit of the receiver, though, we would have preferred to have shut off the Kansas side town in order to save ourselves from persecution by state officials and politicians."

By refusing gas to the Missouri town, the fight concerning the right of the gas company to deny its supply to patrons will go to the federal courts. It is probable that action will be taken immediately following the serving of final notices. Stone, however, is confident the gas company's position will be upheld in the court.

Watchful Waiting.

Just now the gas company is sitting back patiently awaiting the action of other towns. Persons in Kansas City, Kan., Topeka and other towns have sought to arouse consumers to refuse to pay their gas bills. The gas company is awaiting this action. When it is taken—well, by your coal supply early. The weather man promises a severe winter.

"Of course we are not going to shut off any one who wants gas if he will make it profitable for us to serve him," said Stone. "But when an individual or a town doesn't want gas at a price that leaves us a return on the investment, they don't have to take it. Neither do we have to serve them if they won't pay a reasonable price. The courts have settled that matter. So if Topeka or any other town doesn't

N. Y. PLANS TO COMMANDER FOOD FOR STRIKE

Railroad Tie Up Would Cause Appalling Condition.

City's Meat Supply Would Last But Eight Days.

500,000 IDLE IN CHICAGO

In Addition 100,000 Railroad Employees Would Quit.

Biggest Problem, To Get Milk For City Children.

New York, Aug. 14.—How the 5,000,000 people living in Greater New York would be fed in the event of a railroad strike is a problem being given consideration by officials here today. Joseph J. Hartigan, secretary of Mayor Mitchell's committee on food supply, has recommended to Acting Mayor Frank L. Dowling that action be taken by the city government to prepare against any stoppage of traffic in foodstuffs.

Hartigan proposes that survey be made of all sources of food supplies which could be commandeered if the strike is declared. With the city in the grip of an infantile paralysis epidemic, city authorities are trying to determine how the 2,250,000 quarts of milk the city consumes daily could be brought to the city in the event of a strike. Meat packers estimated today that New York's supply of meat would last but eight days if the railroads were tied up.

500,000 Tourists in N. Y.
More than 500,000 tourists are now in New York, it is estimated. How these people could be fed, to say nothing of the city's own population, is a problem which would be solved if the city from its food supply would result in appalling conditions in a short time, Hartigan said.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—A general railway strike will throw more than half a million men out of work here, according to conservative estimates made today.

According to W. G. Blier, president of the Chicago & Alton railroad, Chicago, the greatest railroad center of the country, is unprepared for a strike. More than 30,000 cars of freight pass through Chicago daily, he estimated, and the confusion should the cars be held at a standstill would affect the entire nation. In addition to 100,000 railway men who would have to walk out if a strike were ordered, 500,000 other workers would be affected.

Chicago is the terminus for thirty-nine railroads, having a total mileage of 21,427 miles, or more than 40 per cent of the entire mileage of the United States. Fourteen hundred miles of belt line encircle the city—one-third of the belt line mileage of the country. There are more than 100 freight yards and 315 freight receiving stations. The operation of all these would be paralyzed.

Milk and Ice Are Shipped In.
Children would be the first here to feel the effect of a strike. More than three-fourths of the ice supply and one-fifth of the milk supply are shipped here by railroad. Blier declared he did not believe any attempt would be made by the government to take the railroads over.

"I have never heard of such a thing," he said. "If there is such a project it has never reached me."

WHEAT INQUIRY ON
Price of Grain Dropped Three Cents This Morning.

Bread, Rolls and Crackers Scheduled to Advance Soon.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—A federal investigation of the recent rise in wheat prices was under way in earnest here today. The government wants to know whether a 20 cent rise in wheat in the past two weeks was due entirely to natural causes or whether it was planned in advance by traders.

Prices Drop Today.
In the meantime, wheat prices began declining today. Prices dropped from two to three cents during the morning.

Paul Schultz, head of one of the biggest bakeries in the middle west, conferred today with Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Hurley regarding a proposed increase in the price of bread. Schultz said he would raise the price tomorrow if Hurley did not indicate objections, and that his bakery probably would follow his lead.

Crackers, rolls and other bakery products were also due to advance.

TO ERECT MEMORIAL FOR THREE SURGEONS

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Plans for the greatest memorial ever erected to the memory of men were launched today at a preliminary meeting of friends of Dr. John B. Murphy, Senn and Christian Fonger. It is a memorial of a medical center erected to the memory of three great medical men, John B. Murphy, Nicholas Senn and Christian Fonger. It is to cost upwards of \$1,000,000 and is to be financed by subscriptions from medical and laymen.

LEMBERG RACE TURNING AGAINST AUSTRO-GERMAN

Russians Break Thru Barrier on 90-Mile Front.

Gives Retreating Army No Time to Reform Ranks.

IS HARASSED BY COSSACKS

Fast Cavalry But 8 Miles From City of Halitz.

French Make New Advances Along Somme Front.

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—The last formidable Austro-German barrier to Lemberg has been broken and the Teutonic forces are making a general retreat on a ninety-mile front in the direction of the Galician capital. Compelled to retire from the strong Strips river positions by the threat that his armies would be surrounded and captured, General Bothmer is falling steadily back on the Zlota Lips, eighteen miles to the west. But Russian forces already have crossed the Zlota Lips north of Stanislaw and the danger of a blow at his right flank will prevent Bothmer from making a stand here.

Have Lost 75,000 Men.
On the whole line the Russian mowing machine is reaping a bloody harvest. On the front east and southeast of Lemberg alone, it is estimated that the Austro-Germans have lost 75,000 men, or half their effective. This fact, it is believed, necessitates the continued retreat before the Russians. The Russians are systematically sending forward their infantry to pound the enemy front, while Cossack cavalry attacks and demoralizes the wings. One regiment of Grenadiers alone took 2,000 Austro-German prisoners today.

May Cut Off Retreat.
A Russian cavalry force that captured Mariampol, only eight miles southeast of Halitz, is believed to be pushing toward the Halitz-Stanislaw railway north of the Dniester, only three miles away. The capture of this crossing would cut off a large force of Austro-Germans who were retreating toward Stanislaw and force them to make a wide detour, constantly harassed by Russian cavalry.

French Follow Up Advance.
Paris, Aug. 14.—French troops followed up their successes north of the Somme, east of the battle of the Marston, south of the river in sharp fighting last night. Southeast of Estrees, French detachments captured several villages, including the village of Denicourt, widening their positions.

On the front north of the Somme there was brisk cannonading around the newly won French positions at Maurepas.

The success of the new French thrust of the Somme in Saturday and Sunday's fighting increases the peril of the German line from Combe to the capture of the village of Maurepas and Clercy, necessary to an advance against Peronne, from the German line.

Believed certain under the next great French blow on this front. German attacks in the vicinity of Hill 304 and at Fleury, Verdun sector, were repulsed.

TALK GAS TONIGHT

Topekans Will Hold Meeting on Capitol Square.

Organize "Protective League" Against Rate Increase.

Topekans who are not pleased with the new gas rates have been urged to meet at the state house tonight to protest against the new rates.

Governor Capper, Representative W. A. S. Brier, Major Harvey and other well known Kansas politicians will speak.

The meeting is called for the purpose of organizing a protective league to protect against the gas rate increase. It is probable that speakers will urge drastic action against the gas company by the public utilities commission, which has handled various suits during the last five or six years. Dismissal of the receivership will also be urged.

A formal protest will probably be sent to Pittsburg, Pa., where officers and directors of the Kansas Natural Gas company will hold a meeting Tuesday. The protest will demand that the gas company withdraw its new rate, which has been established under a decree from the United States circuit court of appeals.

The public utilities commission said were just.

WINS BY ONE VOTE

But Guyer Doesn't Concede It, and Brings Two Suits.

Kansas City, Aug. 14.—U. S. Guyer will file today in the supreme court at Topeka today in an effort to obtain one more vote in Linn county and three in Douglas county and to secure the county clerk of state from issuing a certificate of nomination to Col. E. C. Little, who claims the Republican nomination for congress from the Second Kansas district by one vote, it was announced today.

"THE BOOT OF ITALY" AS AUSTRIA SEES IT



DIES BY ACCIDENT

James Baker, Alleged Jointist, Killed by Undersheriff.

Larimer Stumbled in Chase and Automatic Discharged.

BULLET WENT THRU HIS BODY

Died This Morning at Hospital After Operation.

Coroner's Inquest Called as Result of Shooting.

James Baker, 30 years of age and an alleged jointist, died at St. Francis hospital at 4 o'clock this morning from a bullet wound made by Hugh Larimer, undersheriff, Sunday afternoon during a raid at the Gray dairy farm, two miles south of the city.

The shooting was unintentional and probably accidental, according to eyewitnesses.

"There certainly was no intention on my part to shoot Jim Baker," said Larimer today. "I had plenty of opportunities to shoot him at close range if I had wished to do so. No one can regret the occurrence more than I do but at that I do not feel I have committed any crime. It is too late to regret the shooting. I am sorry that people put themselves in a position where such things may happen."

Harvey Parsons, chief of police, who was right behind Larimer when the fatal shot was fired, declared today the shooting was purely accidental.

When he went through and over a hedge fence after Baker," said Parsons, "and the shot was fired when his gun hand was almost on the ground. That accounts for the fact that the bullet came out much higher than the bullet entered Baker's body. I didn't know Baker had been shot. He continued to run and went half a block after he was hit. Larimer didn't know he had been shot. After Larimer fired I saw him place the gun back in his scabbard and start after the fleeing Baker."

Thru His Body.
The bullet passed completely thru Baker's body, entering the back and passing through the stomach, severing small intestines and cutting the renal artery. Dr. Merrill Lindsay and Dr. C. R. Silverthorne, who attended him, did not expect Baker to recover at any time. Doctor Lindsay stated that his finger was the only thing that kept him alive until this morning.

Baker was supposed to be working on the Gray farm south of the Country club. Frequent complaints about (Continued from Page One.)

TOMBSTONE STYLES

Monument Dealers Lag Granite Masterpieces to National Exhibit.

Cleveland, Aug. 14.—The latest styles in tombstones are on display here today. Hundreds of retail monument dealers are arriving from all over the country, lugging granite masterpieces with them. A big showing of American granite and marble will be made here tomorrow when the National Retail Monument Dealers' association meets for its annual convention. The display was arranged by the United States bureau of standards. Twenty thousand square feet of stone comprised the collection.

HOW WOMAN VOTERS TO GET EVEN WITH ENEMIES

Twelve suffrage states elect one-fifth of the electoral college and cast one-third of the votes necessary to elect a president.

In the last five presidential elections not one of these twelve has gone steadily for any one party. In 1912, a change of 88 votes would have made California's electoral votes Democratic instead of Progressive. 376 votes Wyoming, and 556 Idaho, Republican instead of Democratic.

In none of the equal suffrage states would a change of more than 7.8 per cent of the total vote have been required to swing the presidential election of 1912.

For the congressional elections the same situation prevails.

VROOMAN IS HERE

Special Speaker at Democratic Meeting Tonight.

Former Kansan Is on a Campaign Trip in West.

Frank B. Vrooman of Washington, D. C., will speak tonight at a special meeting of the Shawnee County Democratic club. Mr. Vrooman, who is a former Kansan and a brother of Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, came to Topeka today. He will make a number of speeches in this state under direction of the Democratic national committee.

The Vrooman meeting in Topeka tonight is the first Democratic gathering since the primaries. Local speakers will probably make short talks, but the principal speech will be by the former Kansan.

Mr. Vrooman formerly lived in Topeka, worked on Topeka newspapers, was associated with Frank P. MacLennan, owner and publisher of the State Journal, when Mr. MacLennan published the Emporia Times. Later Mr. Vrooman was connected with the publication of the Kansas City Times. In Topeka today Mr. Vrooman met many friends and acquaintances of former days and in a measure his campaign trip through Kansas is a visit to old home folks.

Mr. Vrooman is a former Republican, but will be in the campaign for President Wilson until after the November election.

WILL BE HOT AGAIN

The Cool Weather Already Is Beginning to Disappear.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock.....69 11 o'clock.....82
8 o'clock.....70 12 o'clock.....85
9 o'clock.....74 1 o'clock.....90
10 o'clock.....78 2 o'clock.....94

Temperatures today averaged 3 degrees above normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 12 miles an hour from the south.

ON TICKET AGAIN?

Miss Lizzie Wooster May Run As An Independent.

One More Effort to Defeat Superintendent Ross.

IN A 3-CORNERED CONTEST

Present Office Holder Must Defeat Two Now.

Candidacy of Payne Saved Him From Defeat.

Miss Lizzie Wooster of Salina, recently defeated for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of public instruction, may become an independent candidate in the November election. She has been urged to make the race on an independent ticket and it is reported that petitions are soon to be circulated in her behalf.

The entrance of Miss Wooster into the fight for superintendent will mean a three-cornered contest in Kansas. The Democratic candidate, Superintendent Ross, came to Topeka today. It was the former Topeka mayor running on an independent ticket that put a crimp in Governor Hodge's ambition to succeed himself as governor. Now it is apparent that Superintendent Ross may find it necessary to defeat both a Democrat and an independent candidate in the November election after having won a third nomination in the Republican primaries.

It was a Minority Nomination.
Ross was recently renominated for a third term. He won a minority nomination in a three-cornered contest. The candidacy of Miss Wooster, who was a former Topeka mayor, was a surprise. She was a genuine drubbing at the hands of the woman candidate. Ross's friends managed to divide the positive opposition to the third term candidacy in such a manner that he pulled through for nomination. Now there is a new brand of trouble for the third term.

Since the primaries Miss Wooster has received numerous letters from friends in all sections of the state. These letters have urged her to make the race for election as an independent candidate. With an unfavorable expression from more than 50 per cent of the Republicans who entered the primaries and with a strong Democratic candidate in the race, Ross can close both eyes and see storm clouds approaching from the northwest. Both the Wooster and Payne votes are regarded by politicians as a positive anti-Ross expression. That means a minority support in his own party.

The opposition votes would probably go to Miss Wooster, who would also bid for Democratic support. So the efforts of Ross to perpetuate himself in the state house, may not bear final fruit until next November.

AMERICAN FLYER KILLED

Dennis Dowd With French Army Falls to Death With Machine.

Paris, Aug. 14.—Dennis Dowd, an American aviator with the French army, was killed at the Buc aerodrome Friday by falling with his machine. The cause of the accident is unknown. Dowd was considered an expert flyer. He was 30 years old. His father lives at Seaciff, Long Island.

FIRST SUFFRAGE ADDRESS TODAY BY GOV. HUGHES

Makes Speech to Women Only Audience at Spokane.

Also Makes One Stop Today in State of Idaho.

STARTS SECOND WEEK TRIP

Has Covered 4,000 Miles of 10,000 Mile Whirl.

But Only One-Fifth of Program Is Completed.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 14.—Governor Hughes faced his first audience of women voters today. The Republican nominee was scheduled to expound his views to a meeting "for women only" this afternoon. He told the ladies why he favored extension of the suffrage to femininity. Up to date, it was pointed out here, the G. O. P. nominee has refrained from discussing the case of the suffrage cause on its merits—he has simply referred to the move to extend votes to women as inevitable and felt the question should be removed from politics by an enabling resolution permitting submission of a constitutional amendment for equal franchise to the states. He has asserted his belief that such an amendment would carry, and in speeches in Montana—a suffrage state—has expressed gratification over participation of women in voting. In addition to this women's address—a thing new for Hughes, veteran campaigner who he has a reputation for being a hard worker—scheduled for two other talks on his day's program.

Side Trip Into Idaho.

He left Spokane at 9:30, following an automobile parade for Couder D'Alene, his only Idaho stop on the present trip, and addressed a mass meeting there at 11 o'clock. Returning to Spokane, he will make a speech at the auditorium, and tonight address a mass meeting in Spokane's out-of-door amphitheater. He will leave at 9:45 tonight for Tacoma.

Altho the candidate's voice has now hardened and gained strength so that he no longer experiences difficulty in speaking, his campaign managers on the trip are urging the use of sounding boards at future outdoor meetings. Hughes started his second week of campaigning today. In point of time he is only one-fifth thru with his present trip, and in point of mileage, he has 6,000 miles farther to go. His day was a day of absolute rest for him and he gained new vim by avoiding avoidance of strenuous.

Strong for White Vests.
Gibson, the governor's valet, heaved a sigh of relief when Spokane was reached, because the governor's supporters were rapidly being depleted. They were all delivered freshly laundered today. Next to his whiskers, Hughes can be distinguished by his white vest. He almost never appears without one. William McKinley was the last president aspirant who put the white vest into politics.

To Messrs. Lewis, of Illinois, who is supposed to be "trailing" Hughes on this trip, endeavoring to sow seeds of discontent with the Republican party, and to Vice Presidential Candidate Fairbanks, whom the Republican committee has announced will trail Lewis, mention of Hughes's whiskers would prove interesting. Today the governor's were even more closely trimmed than before. They only half concealed a mouthful of teeth of which Roosevelt would be proud. It was noticeable also that the governor kicked his teeth together occasionally, a la T. R.

After hearing the leaders of the men two hours, the president sent for the railroad managers for a conference at 3 o'clock this afternoon. How far the white vest will go in the conference with the men can go toward averting a break cannot be determined until after the president confers with the managers.

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The counter proposals were that any discussion should include, beside a wage adjustment, of rules and regulations on which present wages are based. The railroad managers contend it is essential that the whole matter be taken up, since it is obvious that the employees would have the old rules and regulations govern the proposed new wage basis.

Several of the representatives, as they left the executive mansion, waved their hats to the newspaper men, fifty of them, waiting outside. There was no indication that the men were discouraged as a result of their conference. Garretson's face was flushed and he mopped it with his handkerchief. He was smiling. Immediately after the men left, Judge Chambers returned to the White House for another conference.

First Conference at 10 O'clock.

President Wilson met the representatives of the railroad workers' brotherhoods in the first conference shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The workers' representatives were smiling with their minds apparently resolved against any arbitration proposal.

A. B. Garretson, spokesman, said it made no difference from whom the suggestion of arbitration came, they were against it. Asked if this meant they would refuse arbitration even if this proposal were at the national level, however, he declined to answer. The report had spread that the trainmen's officials were willing to take arbitration on one condition—that the president himself should have the deciding vote.

Judge Chambers of the mediation board declined invitation to the brotherhood officials at the national Hotel. The twenty-eight brotherhood representatives rode in the street cars to the White House, where Chambers introduced them to the president. The (Continued on Page Two.)

STRIKE OUTLOOK BRIGHTER, MEN MEET PRESIDENT

Wilson in All-Day Session Hearing Both Sides.

Believe Arbitration Compromise Can Be Reached.

CAN DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

U. S. Army May Guard Trains If Strike Called.

Recalls '94 When Cleveland Used Soldiers on Trains.

OTHER RAILROAD WORKERS AGT

Send Representatives to President to Avert Strike.

Business World Anxious; Would Affect All Lines.

THE R. R. STRIKE IN DETAIL.

Brotherhoods of Conductors, Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen ask for basic eight hour day and a paid a rest for overtime. Number of men directly involved in strike amount, 400,000. Number of railroad systems involved, 225. Mileage involved, 270,000.

Number of railroad cars that would be stopped if strike is called, 2,507,077. Railway managers have made a definite proposition to employees. First proposed mediation.

Employees declined to join in request for mediation, but accepted the invitation from government board of mediation and consented to submit proposition to them. Mediation failed.

Mediators proposed arbitration which was almost unanimously rejected by employees.

Representatives of both sides accepted President Wilson's invitation to formation of some tentative program which will be the ground work for further negotiation, brightened up today after President Wilson had conferred with thirty-five chiefs of the great brotherhoods.

After the conference the brotherhood men declared the president's grasp of the situation and the position of the men might result in an understanding being reached and others in touch with the conference said the representatives of the men showed a disposition to co-operate to avoid a strike.

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